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Province temporarily allowing restaurants to expand patios

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The province is allowing restaurants and bars to temporarily expand their patios as dining rooms remain closed amid the COVID-19 crisis.

Last week, the Ford government began a phased reopening of businesses outside the GTA and Golden Horseshoe area. Among the changes in what it refers to as Stage 2 are that restaurants and bars are able to have patios open, with physical distancing protocols in place. The government is also allowing business owners to temporarily extend their patios into areas normally not used for seating, or for businesses without licensed patios to create new, temporary patios.

"As part of its broader package of relief measures for Ontarians and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, the government of Ontario has introduced new measures to support liquor sales licensees in temporarily extending their patios in order to safely reopen for businesses," reads

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Powering Minden

The new transformer, weighing several tons, needed three transport trucks (one at front and two trucks at the back to push on ascents and help brake on descents), as it led a line of traffic trailing behind it on County Road 21 toward the Minden transmission station on Wednesday, June 10. The transformer, which came via rail from Winnipeg to Bracebridge and then its final leg by truck to the Minden station, is expected to improve service reliability and increase the amount of power available to accommodate commercial and residential growth in the area. There was a transformer fire at the station about two years ago. This addition is part of Hydro One's plan to invest close to \$33 million in the Minden area. See more photos on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

Pride and pandemic: How Minden Pride is going virtual

by ZACHARY ROMAN
Times Staff

This year marks the fifth for

Minden Pride – a cause for celebration. The chair of Minden Pride, David Rankin, was hoping to work with the anniversary and make this year's Pride the biggest and best one yet. Unfortunately, due to the

ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, an in-person Pride is no longer a possibility.

While it was a disappointment for Rankin and the Minden Pride committee when they realized that

Pride as Minden knows it could no longer happen this year, it isn't going to stop them from preparing for an awesome week of events online.

"We're looking at building on

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In for a trim

Barber Cody Nasby of the Traditional Barber works with a client during a session on Monday morning, June 15 in Minden. Hair stylists and barbers, and restaurants with patio options were permitted to open throughout the county as part of stage 2 of the province's reopening plan. /DARREN LUM Staff

AH reopens public beaches

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Algonquin Highlands reopened its public beaches on Saturday, June 13, with visitors asked to abide by physical distancing protocols.

"Social distancing guidelines must be adhered to and provincial group size restrictions are limited to a maximum of 10 people, unless they are from the same household," reads a press release from the township. While beaches will reopen, playground equipment located in parks with beaches will remain closed.

The township's Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, which include backcountry campsites, reopened to the public on June 16.

"In accordance with recently increased provincial group size regulations, site capacity has been increased to a maximum of 10 people per site, where site capacity allows for up to 10 people, unless they are from the same household," the release reads. "Social distancing guidelines must be adhered to."

Pride celebrates history and presence of LGBTQ+ community

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what had already been quite a successful year last year," said Rankin. "We had a lot of publicity, our attendance at events has grown exponentially. We're very pleased with where we're going."

This year, Minden Pride has added a suffix to its name. It will now be known as Minden Pride in the Haliburton Highlands, and is in the process of making a new logo to reflect this change – a change being made to highlight that Minden Pride has welcomed and will continue to welcome people from the entire county and beyond.

Minden Pride also had to adjust the ways in which they raise funds for this year in light of COVID-19 challenges. "As a committee, we made a decision that we were not going to seek sponsorship from [local] businesses because we knew that they're undergoing significant financial pressure," said Rankin. "We do have some access to some government funding and so we will be looking at relying on that ... items that we previously exchanged for donation, such as our T-shirts, we're looking at expanding some of those so that we can still have fundraising to help defray some of our costs and help us to move forward for, hopefully, a very social Minden Pride in 2021 as well."

The Minden Pride committee is entirely volunteer based. Rankin said that Minden Pride has a great volunteer base outside of the committee as well. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Minden Pride hasn't been able to meet with them yet, which has been a challenge since they like to stay engaged with their volunteers, some who have supported them from the very beginning.

"Pride in Haliburton County ... started off as a statement about [things occurring] that we were not happy with," said Rankin. That same courage to take a stand is what helped kickstart the modern Pride movement and is as important as ever in today's society.

"There has always been a little bit of a rocky relationship with the LGBTQ community and the general community. And that's why Pride exists. Pride came out of a riot, much like what you see now happening with Black Lives Matter. You have to make a strong stance, you have to let your message be very clear. And you have to stand up when we hear things that are contradictory to what we believe is right," said Rankin. "It really was a riot – and they are called the Stonewall Riots – I only point that out because I think it's significant [for people] to understand to what level the frustration of discrimination has reached."

The Stonewall Riots began in the early hours of the morning on June 28, 1969, in response to a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in New York City. It was a nightly home to some of the poorest and most marginalized

members of the LGBTQ+ community. On that night, resistance to the police's violent and discriminatory treatment of bar patrons happened organically, a response to years of oppression. Lesbians and trans women of colour were some of the key people involved in the acts of resistance, including Stormé DeLarverie, Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson. The June 28 riot turned into days of resistance and was a catalyst for modern LGBTQ+ movements around the world.

Rankin said that Minden Pride has always been a celebration of Pride and the LGBTQ+ community – and that it became very social. With a laugh, Rankin noted that a virtual Pride is just not quite the same, in terms of the socializing element. "But we're going to be able to do something. That's really the bottom line for us," said Rankin. "We are pleased that we'll be able to ... let people know that we're here for them and that there's still a voice for the LGBTQ community in Haliburton Highlands."

Rankin said the Minden Pride committee is focused on the virtual event and is trying to figure out which events will work successfully and how to stage them. They have slowly been announcing that Pride will be happening one way or another, but hope to soon be able to announce specific events.

Rankin said that one of the key elements of Minden Pride is the flag raising and for this year's virtual Minden Pride, it will be no different. "We're looking at being able to put that on, to have that taped and perhaps to have some acknowledgement and some entertainment that can be made available," said Rankin. "We are also looking at having a movie night ... we're looking at a trivia night, we've been speaking within the religious community about doing a multi-faith service."

At Minden Pride's past multi-faith services, which have been held at churches around Minden, representatives from different faiths have come to talk about how their faith intersects with Pride and the LGBTQ+ community. "A lot of the different religious organizations have been quite welcoming and very nicely been reaching out to us around what they can do to help support, especially with SIRCH," said Rankin. "When we announced that we were going to go virtual, they said that they could certainly help in maintaining that presence that they've had which was quite nice news for us."

Rankin always makes sure the communities that Minden Pride interacts with are positive and supportive. Even with communities who in the past may not have had a full understanding of the LGBTQ community, Rankin hopes that by working with them now they can help foster a better understanding.

"Much like what you are hearing now with the Black Lives Matter movement, people are saying you need to listen. And that's really as well what we want. And I think that's what's happened," said Rankin. "We've been very pleased to see how the different faiths are listening to the LGBTQ commu-



From left, David Rankin, Shane Ferrao, David Woodard and Rick Pereira at Minden Pride 2019's Pretty In Pink Tea Dance at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. /Photo submitted by David Rankin

nity and are understanding who we are."

Rankin said that in Minden, and in the county at large, there has been a positive relationship between the community and Pride. "There are a few business in Minden, who in honour of [June] being Pride Month have some merchandise available that reflects that," said Rankin. "So that's quite pleasing to see that the community itself is embracing Pride and that's really quite positive for us."

While things may be different this year for Minden Pride, Rankin wants the community to know that they aren't going anywhere. "We literally are very happy that we're going to be able to put on Pride this year, even if it is virtual," said Rankin. "That's really the message. We're pleased that we can have a presence within the community and support the community and let them know that we're here."

Temporary patios may remain in place throughout 2020

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correspondence from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that was received by Minden Hills councillors during their June 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting. Expanded patios can operate for the remainder of the calendar year, and must meet criteria including a location adjacent to the licensed premises, physical control of the space, and municipal approval. There is no additional licensing fee at the provincial level.

Councillor Bob Carter wondered how that physical control of expanded patio spaces was going to work. "So generally, patios in Ontario, if there's liquor being served, there's usually a fence or something else around them. So, what is this going to mean, because obviously if somebody has to start moving fencing and things like that, that's going to make this more of a permanent thing, or at least a much more troublesome thing. What do you think it means?"

"And that's one of our questions, is how are you going to make these five or six requirements here work," said chief building official Colin McKnight. "I think we're just going to try to do it on a temporary basis and hopefully not have to recreate the wheel here



An expanded patio was being set up in the parking lot of Boshkung Social along Minden's Water Street on June 16, in accordance with new permissions from the province amid the COVID-19 crisis. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

for the businesses, but at this point, that's what we're saying to them, can you show us how you're going to make these work, somehow?"

McKnight said it could be as simple as a roped-off area and Councillor Jennifer Hughey said she's been in touch with a couple of local restaurant owners who intended

to use rope or tape to surround expanded patio areas.

Councillor Pam Sayne suggested that perhaps the township could lend some of its barriers – the type normally surrounding the beer garden at the Haliburton County Fair, for example – to business owners. "So if we can provide anything that we're not using,

to help those downtown businesses particularly, to fence off, to make it clear, I think we should try to support them in doing that with the equipment we might have that we're not using," Sayne said.

Mayor Brent Devolin said he agreed in principle, but questioned if the township itself would require use of those types of barriers. "The thing will be, that as we return to the new normal, with our municipal property that we have and our own facilities . . . I suspect that we're going to need this," Devolin said.

Since restaurants expanding patios into parking areas would mean a decrease in the number of parking spaces required of them in the municipality's zoning bylaw, there was some discussion of a technicality in the Planning Act, whereby it's legislated that businesses that don't meet their parking requirements instead offer payment to the municipality.

"It does require payment of money in lieu of parking," said planner Ian Clendening. Councillors said if it was required that a fee be charged, then that fee should be minimal, at \$1 or \$2 a property. Council delegated authority to staff to assess and approve expanded patios.

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As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 25 - Regular Council Meeting
July 30 - Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenHills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenHills.ca/council/.

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Interest at the rate of one and one quarter percent (1 ¼%) per month will continue to be levied against taxes owing for previous years (2019 and older).

Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan and Arrears plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month.

The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on **July 24th and September 18th, 2020**. Post-dated cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques.

If you have any questions regarding your preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call (705) 286-1260, extension 201.

We encourage account holders to utilize the payment methods available, and to submit payments as soon as reasonably possible.

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If you are aware of anyone who is not adhering to the Government's order which prohibits organized public events and social gatherings of more than five (5) people, or who are not practicing appropriate physical distancing; you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

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Council to decide on value-added items for arena

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors will decide what value-added items the township will include in the arena project at their meeting at the end of the month.

Council had a discussion regarding these items during their June 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting. As previously reported, “value-added items” are those which were not included in the project’s base budget. Any money that might have been left over from the facility’s construction would have gone toward paying for some of these items, however, recent staff reports have indicated there will likely be no surplus on the \$12.75 million project.

A list of potential value-added items – including everything from office and lobby furniture, to repainting the existing community centre portion of the building, to a projector and screen, to paving a portion of the parking lot – is worth approximately \$430,000. The township has approximately \$130,000 from an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant it can use for some of these costs, leaving approximately \$300,000 in potential costs to the township.

In a June 11 report, chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard included a list of four of those items labelled as being of high importance – those being the projector and screen, paving the balance of the parking lot, murals and lobby furniture – with those items having an approximate combined value of just more than \$100,000.



Minden Hills councillors are scheduled to decide what value-added items the township will pay for on the arena project during their meeting at the end of the month. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

“I’m not willing to put another \$300,000 into what’s listed here, with a few exceptions, and that’s what it is,” said Councillor Bob Carter. “And I would think that this arena needs to have a provision, or the possibility of having a canteen. If we’re going to be looking at making some money with this arena by having tournaments or whatever it is, that would be the time that we use that facility, the canteen, so the fact that it’s not there has got me a bit nervous.”

No money for a canteen or cooking equipment is included in the project’s budget. There was some suggestion that perhaps the township should opt for vending machines over a canteen, and Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, who thought it was important the arena have a canteen, wondered if the equipment from the old arena might be used. There

was also some suggestion that existing furniture the township owns could be used in the arena, at least at first.

Councillor Jean Neville took exception to that concept.

“We have a gorgeous building happening there, you know, multi-million dollar, and now we’re nitpicking about murals and projector screens and furniture,” Neville said. “I don’t want somebody to walk into a room and see a bunch of crappy furniture and saying, you know, this a beautiful building, why do have this derelict furniture? . . . Let’s not get so nit-picky over a few thousand dollars when this is going to be the showpiece of Minden Hills.”

Both Schell and Jennifer Hughey questioned whether some \$17,000 allotted for murals was really necessary at this point,

suggesting that money could be used elsewhere. Hughey also suggested the township might look to local businesses to help out, with say the donation of paving the balance of the parking lot.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she was concerned there seemed to be no money for equipment for users of the facility. “When we were debating this, one of my issues was, were skates and equipment going to be available for people to be able to afford to use this facility,” Sayne said. “And I was told by many people, oh yes, there’ll be skates there for borrowing, similar to the one in Lindsay. That’s not even on the list.”

Sayne said councillors weren’t nitpicking by discussing value-added items, noting they total hundreds of thousands of dollars. “That’s a lot of money,” she said.

Carter also said he couldn’t believe that window shades were not included in the budget. They are listed as value-added items on which quotes would need to be obtained.

After the lengthy conversation, Mayor Brent Devolin said councillors should take a couple of weeks to reflect on the list, and that at council’s meeting on June 25 they would make a decision on what value-added items would be included in the project.

“I’m going to suggest that two weeks today, be prepared, at our council meeting with your number we’re going to fish or cut bait with . . . and be done with it, where we’re going to break with it,” Devolin said. “In two weeks, we decide precisely where we’re going with this, with elements and money and we’re going to move on. . . . We could do this forever, and at least that gives us time to ponder.”



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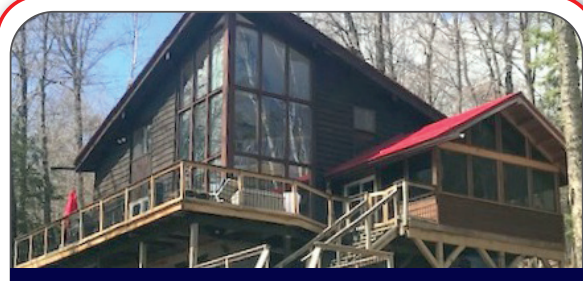
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Stage 2

S EMBLANCES OF pre-COVID-19 life are beginning to appear here and there as the provincial government allows a regional, phased reopening of some businesses throughout Ontario.

And while I don't mean to downplay the continuing danger posed by the coronavirus, or the risk of a second wave, those bits of normalcy are a welcome sight.

Last week in regions outside the province's urban areas, Haliburton County among them, a number of businesses were permitted to reopen, or expand their operations. County residents can now get a haircut. And on the patios of downtown Minden? People. Real, live human beings. A once completely typical sight that now seems a bit surreal.

It's a beautiful day and just now I returned from eating my lunch in a park. There was a couple sitting on a bench in the shade, children playing in the water, and a man walking his dog. It felt almost normal. It was nice.

Things are of course not normal, and we're still a long way from being through this pandemic. Patios may be open, but tables are spaced farther apart, servers and some patrons are wearing face masks. So is your barber. Some of these things may end up becoming part of whatever the new, post-COVID-19 normal is. Many of us are now long-used to some form of Plexiglas shield being part of almost any business.

This Friday, a number of other, more urban areas of the province will also be permitted to enter Stage 2, including Hamilton, Durham Region, York Region and Niagara. In fact, after this week, only Windsor-Essex, Peel Region, which includes Brampton and Mississauga, and the metropolis of Toronto will remain in Stage 1. There are some who believe the reopenings are too much, too quickly, and that at this rate, a second wave of the virus sweeping across Ontario is basically inevitable.

Like so many aspects of this crisis, only time will tell. Certainly, in terms of the county, it seems reasonable to say that we've done a good job of abiding by public health guidelines and keeping numbers

down. In the three months since the crisis hit the province, the county has logged just eight confirmed cases of COVID-19, all of them now considered resolved.

That of course doesn't mean we can let our guard down. As more businesses reopen, it means that more and more of us are going to be venturing out into the world more often. It's still important that we stay away from one another, wash our hands maniacally, and abide whatever other physical distancing protocols may be in place at the places we visit.

Summer will officially arrive in a few days, and while it certainly won't be a typical summer in the county, it will be summer just the same. Enjoy it. Safely. Take care of each other.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

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L ONG AGO, I met a relatively famous outdoor writer from the U.S., who provided me with words of exceptional wisdom. He said, "Never proclaim yourself the world's best at anything."

He learned this the hard way too. For, at one time, he boldly proclaimed himself, in print, radio and television, as the "Best wild turkey hunter in the world." And he had the vanity plates that said "Trkymaster" to prove it.

This was good for his career for a while, but it was even better for rooting out like-minded people. For, within months of doing that, he had had to defend his claim to the title with dozens of other hunters who asserted a similar status. And that was just in his small section of the Ozarks—where, apparently, all the world's best wild turkey hunters live.

Eventually, he realized the error of his ways and rebranded himself as, "The third best turkey hunter in the world."

It was a stroke of genius and he has remained unchallenged ever since.

For, in the immortal words of Larry, "No one ever wants to be third best."

That's why I am taking this moment to proclaim myself "The third best creek chub angler in the world."

A lot of non-outdoorsy types might be wondering why it is so important to have a prestigious title like this. Well, if one of the 6,000 or so fishing shows is looking to do an in-depth segment on catching creek chub, I will, with any luck at all, be the third one they ask. Being third on the list means they will have no or very little in the way of expectations.

Which means there will be no pressure for me to produce. That kind of stress is reserved for the world's first- and second-best creek chub anglers. So, frankly it's a win-win at this end.

Also, it is a long shot but, if either the world's first- or second-best creek chub anglers retire or succumb to the glamorous lifestyle their titles afford, I will move up in ranking. In the business, that is called playing the long game.

That's because I believe in paying your dues and honing your craft. No one, except perhaps the first- and second-best creek chub anglers in the world, catches more creek chub than me when trout fishing.

Are there benefits to this, you ask? Well, aside from the possibility of writing a best-selling book on the topic that gets optioned into a blockbuster movie or HBO series—probably not. And, again, I won't lie to you—that's a bit of wishful thinking.

Even so, there are subtle perks to the title. For instance, I can walk into a room full of anglers and know that each of them—with the exception of the first- and second-best creek chub anglers in the world—will look on me with a mixture of envy and respect.

And, eventually, I suspect, there will be groupies and a fan club too—and no doubt a stalker or two.

Also, having this title will allow me to write riveting columns such as this and bestow upon me the gravitas to advise trout anglers everywhere as to what they are doing wrong each time they land a pesky 20-inch brook trout from a creek full of chub.

Unless the first- or second-best creek chub anglers in the world beat me to it.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Raccoons with orange tails

RACCOONS LOVE ME.

Why wouldn't they? I give them bedtime snacks and a nice place to sleep.

Wandering about at night, tearing down bird feeders and chewing up hummingbird sippy cups, is exhausting work. So, it's nice that a raccoon can find a place to get a bite to eat and take a nap.

A raccoon can just step into the little room that I provide, grab a snack, then curl up and stare up at the stars. The napping room is a bit confined but it's airy and quiet if the raccoon ignores the noise of the door clanging shut and locking behind it.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The room is actually one of those ingenious wire cage traps. Tired from a night of raiding, a raccoon walks in to retrieve his snack, then steps on a release plate that snaps the door shut.

It's all quite safe and humane. And, in the morning, a cheerful human comes by to say a few kind words and take it for a car ride. A long car ride to a new forest home many miles away.

I've just completed my fourth raccoon transport this week. On four consecutive nights raccoons have stopped by for a snack and a nap. On four consecutive mornings I have given the guests a cheery "good morning" and transported them to a new home.

Four raccoons in one week raises the question of whether I am catching the same raccoon over and over. They look alike with those black masks, and their bushy fur coats make it hard to determine differences in size.

However, I am not catching the same raccoon over and over. I am sure of that because I spray the tail of each one I catch with fluorescent orange paint. So far, none of those in the snack and nap room have had orange tails.

Several years ago, I had a raccoon spend the night in my snack and nap room. In the morning I painted its tail and transported it to the end of our lake, a journey of about one mile in a straight line.

Several mornings later I got up to discover the same raccoon with an orange tail napping in the little room.

I did some research and discovered that raccoons are good swimmers, capable of staying in the water for four hours. They also have excellent memories, especially when it comes to geography.

I set up the snack and nap room whenever the raccoons get silly bold with the bird feeders. I don't mind if they take the occasional nibble at the feeders, but when they start going smash and grab crazy every night I set up the room.

Some folks find raccoons cute and cuddly, which I guess they can be if they stay out of the bird feeders. Some folks even find they make good pets.

One of the most famous raccoon pets was Rebecca, who lived at the U.S. White House during the 1920s presidency of Calvin Coolidge.

Some Americans were still serving roasted raccoon for Thanksgiving dinner back then, but when Coolidge first met Rebecca he decided to adopt her instead of eating her. She became a member of the White House family, accompanying Coolidge on walks, taking part in the annual Easter egg roll and getting an engraved collar as a gift one Christmas.

History records Rebecca as one of the brighter occupants of the White House but not the only one to have an eye mask.

All raccoons have black fur eye masks that reduce light glare and help them to see better, much like athletes who wear black stickers beneath their eyes.

The current U.S. president has a white eye mask, the result of using eye protection cups during his daily face tanning sessions. Some have speculated that the ultra-violet rays from a tanning machine have resulted in the president's much-reported poor memory.

Raccoons, however, remember everything. Studies have shown that the little critters can remember solutions to tasks for up to three years.

That's why they always know where the fullest and tastiest bird feeders are and how to get into them with those long, nimble fingers.

Right now, I'm hoping that the raccoons with the orange tails have forgotten where I live.

letters to the editor

Fay founded Friends of the Library

To the Editor,

I was delighted to read about the accomplishments of Michael Fay in the *Minden Times* editorial of Wednesday, June 10. A complete list of Michael's endeavours would have taken an entire issue of the paper, but I do want to highlight one that was not mentioned. Around the year 2000, Michael and a small but dedicated group of people, representatives from all eight branches of the Haliburton County Public Library met and agreed to work towards developing a constitution for Friends of the Library. This group started off as an advocacy group, with some fundraising on the side. The Friends were incorporated in 2004 and have evolved to be an integral fundraising body that has supported much needed enhancements to all the library branches.

In recent years The Friends have understood the inequities created by the digital divide and have focused much of their attention on the

Community of Making as well as e-books and downloadable audio. As Michael progressed into ill health and was no longer able to read traditional books, he relied on downloadable audio from the library for his sanity and entertainment, much of which had been funded by the group he started.

Michael Fay was the initial Friends group's guiding light. He led us through all of the ramifications of establishing our first constitution. He was also our first president and always supportive of our goals. He was a passionate cheerleader for the library system as a whole and was always positive and encouraging about what could be accomplished for the betterment of the system and the community.

Elly Malcomson

**President of the Friends of the
Haliburton County Public Library**

Join the Dorset Book Club from the comfort of your couch

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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Normal looks a bit different these days, and a lot of people are taking to Zoom for their get-togethers, including the Dorset Recreation Centre. Below are a few activities you can take part in from the comfort of your home.

Join the Dorset Book Club Online! Happening Wednesday July 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. The topic is the best and worst book you read last year. To register call the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968 or log-in to your Algonquin Highlands account.

All you need to participate is a free Zoom account.

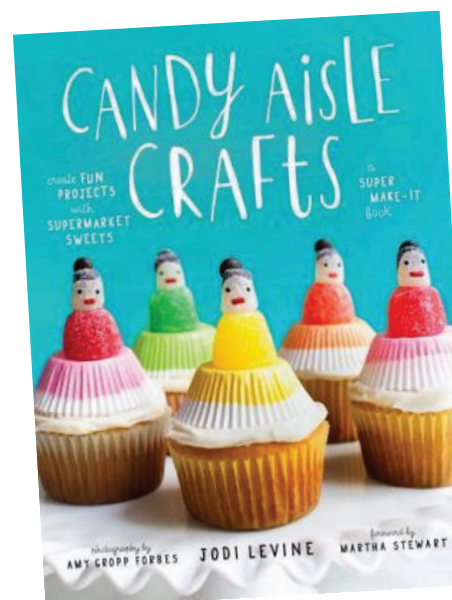
Online Ladies Toning Classes with Joanne MacLeod are happening on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. on Zoom. Login to your Algonquin Highlands account to register or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

Coffee and Conversation is happening the third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. Join via Zoom for coffee and social time. Sign up with your free Algonquin Highlands account or call 705-766-9968.

Happy birthday to Derrick Kent, Caleb MacKay, Harper Haley, Teg Rees, Devon McKey, Pam Bessey, Matthew Cyopick and Bernie Guidi. Happy anniversary to Stan and Colleen Tyrrell. For birthdays and submissions please submit them to burgesslt@me.com.

Nonfic Pick - June

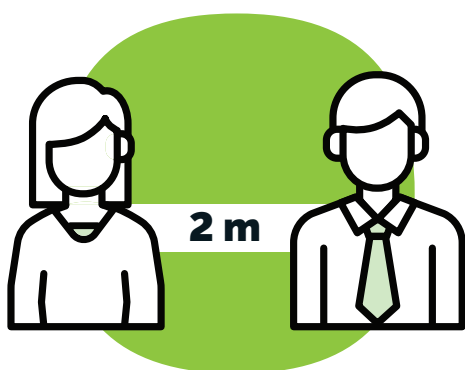
Candy Aisle Crafts by Jodi Levine



The ultimate materials for fun, whimsical crafting are right in your grocery store! From party decorations to children's toys, wearable art to cute gifts, you need look no further than your local supermarket shelves for the materials to make these unique (and completely kid-friendly) food crafts. Colourful candy canes are fashioned into heart-shaped necklaces, melted peppermints are moulded into a festive bowl, cookies and ice cream cones are transformed into a fanciful castle, marshmallows are snipped into a polar bear, and gumdrops become everything from adorable frogs to bumblebees and ducks. For special celebrations, rainy-day activities, and much more, treat yourself to the sweetest projects. *Candy Aisle Crafts* is packed with simple ideas for charming crafts that both kids and parents will love. Check out the e-book today from www.haliburtonlibrary.ca.

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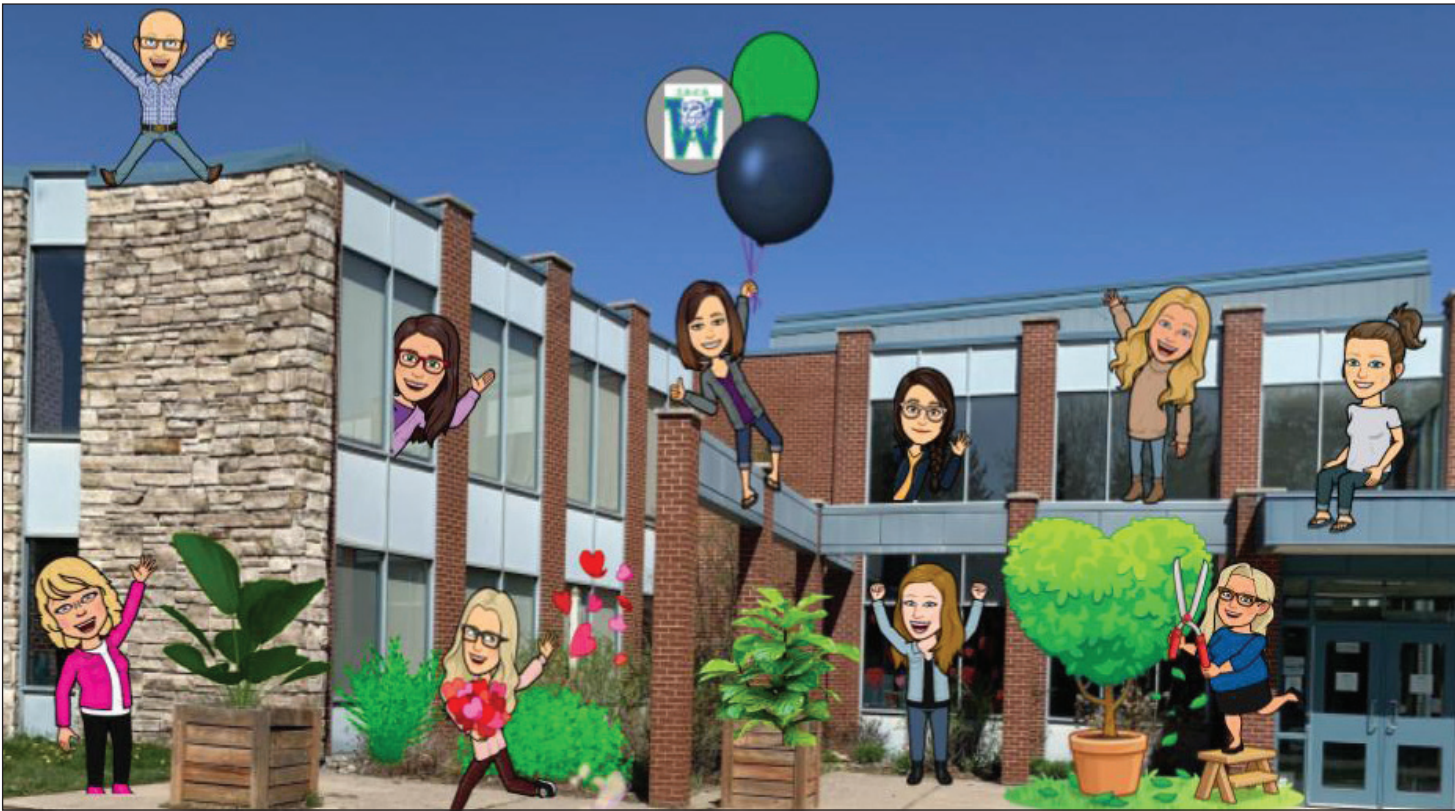


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Inside or out, stay safe. Save lives.



Welcome to Kindergarten: New students to school will have the chance to familiarize themselves with their Archie Stouffer Elementary School teachers, staff and classrooms before September through a Welcome to Kindergarten website and Drive-About event. The Welcome to Kindergarten team created bitmojis - cartoon versions of themselves: from top, left to right, Mike Gervais, Corinne McArthur, Kristen Colliss, Amber Card, Robin Hewitt and Chris Little. From bottom, left to right, Bonnie Tokar, Michelle Allore, Kelly Allaire and Jane Austin. /Submitted photo

New students welcomed to kindergarten through drive-about event

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Last year, fresh-faced four-year-olds walked through the doors of Archie Stouffer Elementary School – some of them hesitant, and some feeling more brave than their emotional parents. The annual springtime Welcome to Kindergarten event invited students ready for junior kindergarten to the school where they could familiarize themselves with classrooms, kindergarten teachers, and older students who they would see on a daily basis beginning in September, as well as a bus ride throughout the community to help ease into formal education.

“This is the first time for some of these children to be separate from their families and we want to create a familiar, friendly environment for them to return to and feel safe in September,” said Chris Little, ASES kindergarten teacher. “Some families are new to the area, or this is their first child in school and they need an opportunity to learn more about our school and community partners that they can access for support. Families can also begin communication with educators, principals and special education resource teachers about any special learning needs their child may have.”

Little said the teachers can often familiarize themselves with incoming students, too.

“It gives teachers a chance to meet each child and learn about their feelings toward kindergarten; Do they like to talk

to the educators or are they quiet at this point? Are they hesitant to join the play or do they jump right in to something? What kind of play do they choose? Do they already have friendships with other children coming to JK?”

Though school buildings across the province have been closed since March due to the state of emergency enacted because of the spread of coronavirus, educators are planning for classes to be in session in September, and inviting a new group of kids to experience ASES online and at an in-person Welcome to Kindergarten Drive-About.

“We decided that this year, it was especially important to share some information about ourselves and our school community, since the families would not be able to meet us in person,” said Little. “We decided to create a Google Site to include welcome videos from this group of staff as well as a virtual tour of our school.”

Little said the WTK team – which includes principal Jane Austin, vice-principal Mike Gervais, kindergarten teachers, educational assistants and secretaries – began planning soon after the May announcement that schools would not be reopened this school year.

“Sparked by virtual classrooms online, which has been created by other kindergarten educators in our board, we joined the Bitmoji virtual classroom craze,” said Little, noting that teachers learned how to create virtual “engaging, interactive” classrooms, which they have been using this year as well as part of the Learning @ Home program. Staff members each created their own Bitmoji – a personalized cartoon version of

themselves – and virtual kindergarten classrooms as well as other areas in the school.

“In each of these spaces, there are links to activities and information that parents and children would have engaged in at a typical WTK,” said Little, who said parent info sessions in the past have included an introduction to the school and its Leader in Me program, the flow of the school day, the ASES website and the opportunity to talk to community partners including the Compass Early Learning Centre, SIRCH and Point in Time.

The Welcome to Kindergarten site will be launched on June 22, with the link shared with families through the ASES website, Facebook and a School Connects message to new JK families, so they can explore the school online in their own time, visit the classroom and virtually meet their new teacher.

A Welcome to Kindergarten Drive-About event welcomes new families on June 22 at 10 a.m. to drive around the school, taking it in from a distance, “and see the WTK staff waving, and to see the beautiful outdoor spaces of ASES – especially the kindergarten area,” said Little. Each JK student will receive a welcome bag at the event, which in the past has included parent information, scissors, crayons, homemade play dough and a book to build early skills over the summer.

Parents of school-aged children who haven’t already registered their child for school can do so online at www.tlidsb.on.ca. Click the kindergarten registration link to access the Ready for Kindergarten section.

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Satellite internet for Lochlin, Irondale

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills will outfit its community halls in Lochlin and Irondale with satellite internet, councillors decided during their June 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting, which was held using online conferencing and broadcast on YouTube.

Council had asked the county's IT department to explore the possibility of installing wireless hotspots at each of the halls.

"Cellular service at both of those locations is weak enough that I wouldn't feel comfortable putting in a wireless hotspot," county IT director Mike March told councillors. "I think it would probably cause more problems than it would solve."

Neither building is connected to cable and those capital costs would be prohibitively expensive at approximately \$180,000 to run cable to the Lochlin site and approximately \$45,000 for the community centre in Irondale.

March told councillors that satellite internet is available for those locations via company Xplornet. Labour and equipment costs for starting up will be about \$1,200 per site, and the service will cost approximately \$110 per month per site.

Mayor Brent Devolin pointed out that when the Eastern Ontario Regional Network cell gap project being undertaken by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is complete, the connectivity issues in the area would be solved. "I think within a year or two with the project that's already underway with EORN, it's going to have it, the question is, do you want this to bridge a year or two, really?"

"I'd like to see us bridge it until that time," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, adding that she often hears about the poor connectivity in the Lochlin area from residents.

"I think we should, especially with the circumstances where parents are trying to teach their children at home," said Councillor Jean Neville. "And all along County Road 1 there it's just a tragedy that that isn't one of the places where internet is available. There's so many people along there."



The Township of Minden Hills will supply its community centres in Lochlin, pictured here, and Irondale with satellite internet. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

County stays course with COVID-19 recovery

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities will continue to deal with recovery from the COVID-19 crisis separately,

county councillors decided during a June 10 special meeting.

While there had been some thought given to collective messaging earlier in the ongoing pandemic, the four municipalities have been taking their own approaches to operations and now, with the phased re-opening of

Ontario's economy, recovery planning.

Given that there has been a regional re-opening of some businesses by the provincial government, Warden Liz Danielsen asked her colleagues if they saw any benefit to a countywide approach, "or if you think it's more productive to continue on an individual municipal basis."

"I would say stay the course," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "After this crisis, I think there'll be lots of conversations, if we want to use a different framework, or how we do that in the future, but in the middle of the game, I'd say we missed that opportunity a couple of months ago, and I'm prepared to live with the status quo for the balance of this."

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts agreed. Dysart et al is the first of the four municipalities to have struck a COVID-19 recovery committee, which was meeting for the second time last week.

"I don't think we missed any boat or anything," Roberts said. "Each municipality wants to do something to help their communities, and I think that if there's an opportunity through our committee, where we see this is really a county issue, let's work collectively, then we can bring that forward to council."

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— DYSART ET AL MAYOR ANDREA ROBERTS

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portunity through our committee, where we see this is really a county issue, let's work collectively, then we can bring that forward to council."

County council consists of the mayors and deputy mayors of each of the four municipalities. The county is currently having a service delivery review of itself and the four lower tiers conducted by Toronto-based consulting firm StrategyCorp.




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G7 student senate fights for climate action

by **ZACHARY ROMAN**
Times Staff

The G7 Student Senate presented their climate action plan to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board at its regular meeting of the board on June 9.

One representative from each of the seven high schools in TLDSB come together to form the G7 Student Senate. The senate's main goals are to help communications between students and bring student issues to the TLDSB board of trustees.

Kaylee Kelly, TLDSB student trustee and student G7 representative for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, said that climate change is rapidly affecting communities around the world and that we'll all be facing consequences if we don't take action.

Inspired by Indigenous water activist Autumn Peltier and Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, the senate wanted to make a plan to help the school board become sustainable, prioritize environmental issues and set the standard for all school communities.

So, they got to work. They created a 10-part climate action plan that aimed to be realistic and efficient. At various times, senior administration spent time with the G7 senate and provided feedback on the plan.

Larry Hope, director of education for TLDSB, introduced the plan to the board and made it clear just how much work went into it. "What you see in front of you this evening is really the culmination of a significant amount of research, forward thinking, insightfulness, and what I would call just great intuition about what's going on," said Hope. "Our young people are very influential not just within their schools, but within their communities and their homes. And we're hoping that what you see in front of you, [will] have influence on what happens within TLDSB for the years to come."

The senate took turns outlining the different phases of their plan. In order from first to last, the phases are: education and commitment; mental health and student advocacy; technology considerations; waste management; energy connections; food resilience; resource management; carbon-conscious transportation; creation of eco-spaces; and evaluation. The plan is in-

tended to be a living document that can grow and adapt as it is implemented, used and reviewed at schools across the board.

Kelly presented the mental health and student advocacy section, noting that while connecting climate change and mental health is a relatively new study, it is especially important for vulnerable populations and people with pre-existing mental health conditions. Included under the mental health and student advocacy section was a plan for Indigenous inclusion. "Indigenous peoples are a vital part of the TLDSB Climate Action Plan," said Kelly. "We need to bring a balance in ourselves and the world around us by seeking guidance from ... Indigenous peoples, because we must recognize that our responsibility as stewards of Mother Earth is our most important job."

Some other notable recommendations from the plan are to conduct waste and energy audits, create a community garden and move towards sustainable student transportation.

The entire plan, explained in more detail, will be posted on tldsb.ca. The plan will be distributed internally to all staff members and it is ready for implementation at the start of the next school year.

When the plan was finished being presented, Gary Brohman, Haliburton County school trustee, was impressed. "[That was a] level four plus presentation and document," said Brohman. "I don't think the United Nations can do a better job."

Draft budget

There was no draft budget report ready for TLDSB trustees at the June 9 meeting. TLDSB administration is still awaiting information about the government's Grants for Student Needs – without it, they cannot complete their budget. The board expected this, as they understand the funds are delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Once GSN information is sent to the board, it is required to submit a balanced budget to the Ministry of Education by mid-August.

Summer school

TLDSB has received extra summer funding from the Ministry of Education to put towards helping students who may have fallen behind due to the closure of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. Included in this extra funding was money for mental health supports and a program focusing on Indigenous students. Hope said this was the first time the board has received funding for student mental health support in the summer.

The vast majority of summer course offerings will be offered online and are running as usual. There is a small chance in-person course delivery could happen in the last two weeks of August if public health approves it.

TLDSB's next regular board meeting's location is to be determined. It will take place on Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Rail Trail reopens for ATV use

In a Facebook post made on June 9, the County of Haliburton announced that the Rail Trail will be opened to motorized vehicles as of Friday, June 19.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we ask that all Rail Trail users continue to respect each other and maintain appropriate physical distancing and group numbers," reads the post. "Thank you, stay safe and have fun."

Liz Danielsen, Haliburton County warden and deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said the original decision to keep the Rail Trail open for passive use only was made during a time when it was the last remaining place where folks in the area could enjoy some fresh air and exercise.

"We understand that this was a disappointment to the ATV Association and its members, particularly given that they have a formal agreement with the county for use of the trail during the summer and fall months and that they contribute to its maintenance," said Danielsen in an email to the *Times*. "Unfortunately, during these difficult times, a number of decisions have been made by different levels of government that have disappointed people for a variety of reasons. Given that the province has now declared that a variety of public and recreational spaces can be open and that its state of emergency has only been extended to June 19, the county's Emergency Operations Group agreed unanimously that it was time to open the trail to all users."

Danielsen said that it is the county's hope that everyone will continue to practice safe physical distancing and respect others while using the trail.

Joel Bockneck, president of the Haliburton ATV Association, said he has already received a large amount of positive feedback from riders regarding the decision to reopen the trail to ATVs.

"We are excited to hear that the Rail Trail will be opening to ATVs," said Bockneck. "It is an important link for our members and other riding enthusiasts that want to travel into Haliburton from the south without having to ride on the busier public roadways. The Rail Trail also serves as a link to several HATVA trails in the county."

Zachary Roman, Staff

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Transformer travels from Winnipeg to Minden Hills

The newest addition to the Minden transmission station, a brand new transformer arrives without incident on Wednesday, June 10. The transformer came from Winnipeg by train to Bracebridge and then was transported by three trucks to Minden. / DARREN LUM Staff



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Answers on page 15


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Patients could stay in town for out-of-town appointments

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

As non-urgent appointments are made available throughout the province and residents are contacted for specialty visits, Ontario Telemedicine Network allows for virtual care for out-of-town engagements.

“Part of Ontario’s publicly-funded health care system, virtual care through the OTN ensures that everyone has easy access to the best possible care when and where they need it,” said Carolyn Plummer, Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO, in a weekly update on June 15. “This is especially valuable for rural communities such as ours with limited transportation options and excessive commutes to larger centres. Patients are connected to the physician using video conferencing and tele-diagnostics. The clinic is supported by a nurse who works with pa-

tients and doctors to ensure all of the required information is provided to make the most of your appointment time. Privacy is provided and ensured during your visit.”

The HHHS main clinic site has been moved to a new space in the Minden hospital site. Patients who think OTN could work for them should discuss this option with their physician, visit www.otn.ca/patients or call the HHHS OTN office at 705-457-1392 x2365 for more information.

Physiotherapy services accepting new referrals

The HHHS physiotherapy team is reaching out to patients on hold or on a waitlist, to restart services based on risk and priority. The clinic will be functioning at a reduced volume at the HHHS Minden auditorium, where it has been relocated.

“HHHS is glad to see this enthusiastic team and important service back in action,” said Plummer.

Visiting long-term care

After last week’s announcement from HHHS that outdoor visits were being organized, Premier Doug Ford announced on June 11 that long-term care visits under guidelines that include visitors receiving a negative COVID-19 test can begin June 18.

Plummer said HHHS was “pleased” with the news.

“We have worked diligently to keep our

residents and staff safe during the pandemic,” she said in the June 15 update. “While excited and relieved, we must remain diligent with planning to ensure this is done in the safest possible way for everyone. All visitors must adhere to strict guidelines before meeting with relatives residing in LTC homes and we are working now on obtaining further clarification on these guidelines as well as developing policy and process that aligns with the direction we have received from the ministry. We look forward to sharing further updates with families in the next few days.”

Long-term care residences in Haliburton County have reported no positive cases of COVID-19 among staff or residents, with the Ministry of Long-Term Care issuing direction that all LTC staff should be tested for

COVID-19 twice during the month of June.

On June 12, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reported an outbreak in Fenelon Court long-term care home after one symptomatic resident tested positive for COVID-19, and a suspect outbreak at Pinecrest Nursing Home after a staff person with atypical COVID-19 symptoms tested positive for the virus. Both outbreaks were declared June 11. A previous COVID-19 outbreak was declared at Fenelon Court long-term care home on May 18 and declared over on May 30. A COVID-19 outbreak that resulted in the death of 29 people began at Pinecrest on March 18 and was declared over on May 14. At press time, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, with eight cases previously resolved.

Province injects funds into health care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will receive an increase in funding from the province of \$199,000, part of the government’s COVID-19 action plan.

The annualized funding represents a two per cent increase for HHHS, according to information from MPP Laurie Scott’s office.

Ross Memorial Hospital received more than \$3.7 million, which is part of a prov-

incewise increase of \$935 million.

“I’m delighted to announce this increase in annualized funding for our local hospitals,” Scott said. “This investment helps to solidify the care our community deserves.”

Funding was annualized for small- and medium-sized hospitals to provide financial stability and relief.

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— CAROLYN PLUMMER



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Visual Arts, the Great Depression and COVID-19

by LAURIE CARMOUNT

Curator, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden

An odd combination of words for a title, I will grant you, but consider the following.

As you are probably aware, during the 1930s, the world ground to an economic halt due to the Great Depression. Canada was one country that experienced some of the worst economic hardships. This was mostly due to the drastic decline in global exports, something Canada was dependent on. It was a social and economic shock. Thirty per cent of the workforce was out of employment, and one in five Canadians needed government relief for survival.

Some interesting results of this economic downturn were that even though most were out of work, homeless and in dire straits, the rich were getting richer. Another was the reversed momentum of the urban centres as many Canadians moved to rural areas. For many unemployed “going back to the land, and growing food” was preferable to existing on government relief.

What you may not know about this time, however, is the work camps that were setup in Haliburton County to build highways – specifically Highway 35.

At this time, there was mounting concern for many with the growing number of restless men without work and “loitering around.” Major-General McNaughton proposed work camps throughout the country to “deter the radical storm troopers of the revolution into communism.” The camps were controversial, some with seriously bad conditions that resulted in the Regina Riot and Bloody Sunday.

The Haliburton County camps, however, located at Hunter Creek Road, Sun Valley, Twelve Mile Lake, Halls Lake and Saskatchewan Lake – rows of buildings laid out like military encampments – were not as horrendous as some. According to Michael Shirley’s article titled “The Building of Highway 35,” where he interviews Dick Kirkwood, a former worker at the camps, there were “three well cooked meals daily,



The road crew for the highway between Kinmount and Minden.

clothes and board.” The camp comprised of: bunkhouses, office, stable, blacksmith shop and living quarters for the “keyman.” The bunkhouses were 16 by 16 feet constructed of rough lumber, covered with tarpaper. The roofs were canvas. Eight men were housed in each bunkhouse, which were not insulated, and in the winter were heated by a constantly fed woodstove.

Generally, work camps were used to build airfields, clear land, build highways, construction and plant trees. This work was voluntary. These workers became known as the “Royal Twenty Centers” because that is how much they were paid each day.

While this was occurring, there was a well-known Canadian, born Russian, artist who was trekking up and down the Highland roads. He periodically resided in Minden, staying at the Hamilton farm on South Lake Road, where his wife was convalescing. Dr. Jamieson would pick him up, while doing her medical calls, and drop him off to sketch.

He carried with him sketchbook, paints and canvases, which he used to record the work of these camps. This artist, Andre Lapine, was considered the best illustrator of horses in North America. His work has been in numerous public collections and has repre-



sented Canada in a number of international exhibitions. And he was in Minden, creating sketches that revealed horses doing hard laborious work alongside men as they cut into granite, hauled gravel and moved timber.

It’s interesting to note that the work camps in Haliburton were only using teams of horses. According to Shirley’s article, teams were rotated through from local farms to disperse the hard work.

Included in this article are sketches by Lapine, from the Agnes Jamieson Gallery collection. Also included are images from the Minden Hills Museum collection of men at work on Highway 35.

The Great Depression was a time of major suffering, of economic downturn, and need for government aid. Can we relate to this on some levels today? Will artists capture this time? Artists often fill the important role of real time documenters during historical moments. It goes without saying this gives society a point of reference, meaning and reflection. If you consider what is happening at this very moment in time, the images that are emerging, especially from the United States, are powerful and poignant. Is this “downtime” allowing for one to express their grievances like those who expressed theirs during the Great Depression?

In Quebec, in Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, there was a different project put forward to the unemployed during the Great Depression. It began with Médard Bourgault (1897-1967). Finding himself unemployed, Médard went back home to work in his father’s carpentry and woodworking shop.

In his leisure time, this self-taught sculptor created woodcarvings which he exhibited in front of his house. Seeing this as a good pastime, Médard and his brothers revived the hobby to give their out-of-work neighbours something to do with their idle hands. The Great Depression gave the craft, which had diminished as a pastime with the demands of farm life, new meaning.

The project was successful and renowned ethnologist Marius Barbeau recognized this talent and encouraged them to continue. He even urged him, along with his brothers and fellow sculptors Jean- Julien and André, to establish a school – the “École de sculpture de Saint-Jean-Port-Joli,” in 1940. The school was soon supported by the Quebec government, which helped to further the sculpting industry in Quebec. Recognition then came from the National Gallery of Canada and the École du meuble.

These people were acting on an ideological school of thought, advocating the preservation of ancestral traditions and protecting the



French Canadian identity from the effects of industrialization. Today the school still exists with 200 sculptors.

Another image included is a wood relief sculpture by Bourgault that resides in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, one of its most treasured objects. Like its counterpart at the Algonquin Highlands township, the piece (donated by the Irwin family) is not only an example of talent, but also how community and government support led to a successful school, a town’s survival and prosperity, and an important cultural heritage.

Through these past six months of self-



The Storyteller by J.J. Bourgault

isolation and distancing, we have witnessed shifts in social, political and economic forces. For those who had to step away from their work, this form of “unemployment” leads to those “idle hands.” When, for many, work is their life and it no longer exists, they find they are lost, bored and, in some instances, experiencing depression. It gives one pause as to what the role of our lives is, what is fulfilling and satisfying – what can be tangible accomplishments that give a sense of well being. We have some time now to consider many things. Have you wished recently you had something to creatively make, and enjoy?

When the time comes, and soon it shall, join us again at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, in the town of Minden, and view the many important pieces of history we have preserved for your enjoyment and learning experience.



John Hulbig, in his book *Whispering Pines*, describes how the holes for the dynamite charges were drilled by hand. A striking rod was hit in succession by two men with a third steadying the rod and giving it a one-quarter turn after each hit. The hole was cleaned out using a rod with a flat spoon attached to the end. Each crew was expected to drill eight feet every day. Once the charges were set, the blast area would be covered with the log booms, as seen in this photo. Similar to the tire mats used today, the logs were intended to stop the blast from sending rock flying in all directions, damaging nearby buildings or causing injury. If the blasting was taking place close to a building, logs would also be leaned against it to protect the windows. This photo, from John Hulbig, is courtesy of Floyd Miller.

Books soon available for pickup at Dysart library branch

by **ZACHARY ROMAN**
Times Staff

Haliburton County Public Library is set to begin testing its curbside pickup pilot plan on June 25 at its Dysart branch, which is located at 78 Maple Avenue in Haliburton. The decision to start offering curbside pickup was made at a June 10 regular library board meeting which was held via online video conferencing software Zoom.

According to a letter to the library board from HCPL's CEO Bessie Sullivan, the curbside pickup plan developed by the administration staff of HCPL involves a no touch arm's length system for people to pick up materials. She also said the plan can be accomplished with their current number of staff.

At the library board's May 27 meeting, Sullivan's plan to test out curbside pickup at 30 minute intervals was discussed – but the board pushed back the discussion to the June 10 meeting after deciding that they needed more time to prepare the plan.

When the plan was brought up again at the June 10 meeting, Andrea Roberts, vice chair of the library board, said she wanted to start it but struggled to see why it would take 30 minutes per patron. "I really think that we should be trying to do [curbside pickup]," said Roberts. "I personally feel it could all be done in 15 minutes, at least get [four orders out] an hour, otherwise it's too slow."

Board member Lisa Schell seconded Roberts's opinion. "I think it's time to try this even if it is just as a pilot for two weeks," said Schell. "I found the 30 minutes to be a bit excessive."

Sullivan proposed a compromise of 20-minute intervals, to which the board eventually agreed. "So that's three an hour just to get our groove," said Sullivan. "Our plan is to increase as soon as we can safely do so."

Sullivan said she would like to get the intervals down to 15 minutes. The board agreed another meeting would not be necessary to make this change, so they gave her discretion to change the pickup interval safely as she sees fit.

Sullivan is planning on a two-week trial of the curbside pickup pilot at the Dysart branch. If that goes well, she said the next branch to implement curbside pickup would be Minden's, because of the large number of people it serves.

Anyone in the county is allowed to arrange to pick up books from the Dysart branch – no matter which branch they usually go to. Starting June 25, library patrons can reserve books for curbside pickup at the Dysart branch via phone, email, or the library's website.

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Intermittent fasting

THERE IS MORE and more discussion happening around intermittent fasting. It's something I am curious about but up until now I didn't know much about it. I do know the basics. Fasting means you don't eat. There is more to it than that. Intermittent fasting is an eating pattern that cycles between periods of fasting and eating. While it is called a form of dieting by some it's more of an eating pattern. I don't think anyone will be shocked to know that humans can actually survive if a meal or three are missed. The other big point is that it's actually good for us to do that.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

Digesting food is a resource intensive process. Giving it a break from time-to-time means that the resources normally used to break down the food we've ingested can be used for other processes, such as healing an injury. One of the other benefits is that when we fast our bodies adjust hormones levels to make stored fat more accessible resulting in weight loss. Also, by fasting we're eating fewer calories and that, as we know, contributes to weight loss as well.

There are several methods of fasting. The thing to remember is fasting is meant to be a pattern of eating. It's a process that needs to be experimented with to find the combination

that works best for you. Here are three methods:

- 16/8: This involves consuming food during an eight-hour period and then fasting for the remaining 16 hours each day. Depending on when you have breakfast this is kind of like not snacking after dinner.
- Eat-Stop-Eat: This is a day of fasting once or twice a week for 24 hours.
- 5:2: With this method food intake is minimized to 500-600 calories on two non-consecutive days of the week, but then eating as you normally would for the other five days.

Those three methods are only suggestions. If fasting is something that you're interested in trying, start slowly and keep a journal on how you are feeling throughout the fasting period. It is important to be careful when reducing caloric intake, and it's not for everyone. If you're going to try the 24-hour fast pick a day when your activity is lower than on days when you're planning to do a large amount of physical movements. No matter which method you try you have to hydrate. It's best to do that with water. I've read that coffee and tea are OK if there's no sugar added. If I have coffee without food you will find me on the moon, so personally, I would avoid that option. Fresh lemon in water sounds good though.

There may be side effects caused by fasting that our bodies may adapt to after a month or so. They are:

- Hunger
- Fatigue

- Insomnia
- Nausea
- Headaches

Once again, don't do anything that doesn't feel good to you. There's nothing wrong with starting with skipping a meal or two and progressing from there.

Something to think about.

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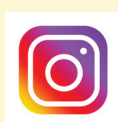
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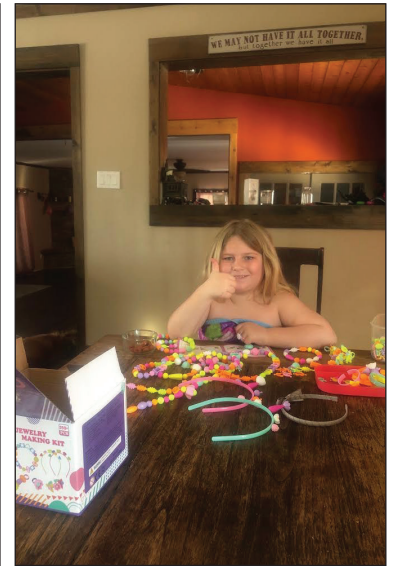
Mrs. Brown's Music Activity

Harper Hamilton explores music with homemade water xylophones.



Feed all four

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has asked students and teachers to share examples of how they are using their time at home to "Feed All Four," the school board's framework to connect physical, mental and social/emotional health and wellness to teaching and learning. /Photos submitted



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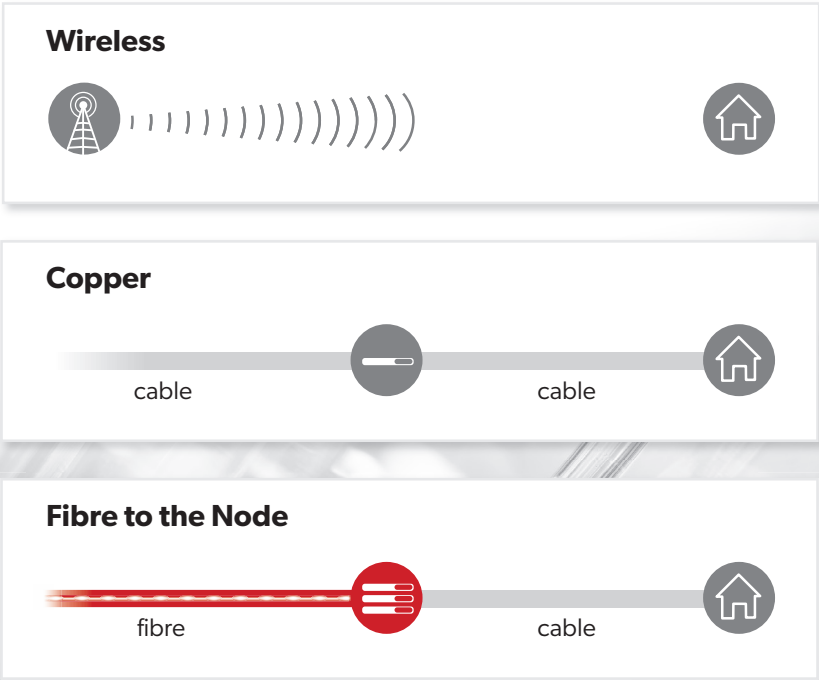


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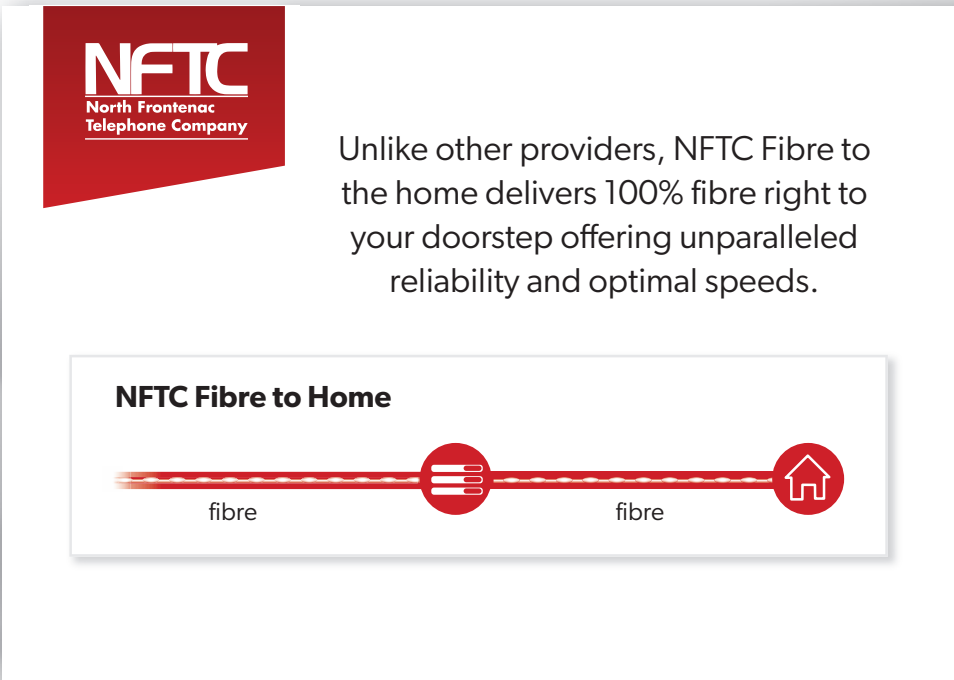
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In Loving Memory of
Douglas Walker born in Minden, Ontario,
passed away in his 79th year
on May 14, 2020, in Toronto.

Douglas was the dear husband of the late Georgie and in addition to his parents he is predeceased by his sister Ruth and brothers; Terry and Roger Walker.

He will be sadly missed by sons: Steven, Michael, and daughters; Tammy and Kim. Sisters: Sandy, Patti, Heather and brother Jack, and step-brother Greg Barton. Loving Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Uncle to many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

He always gave a helping hand to those he knew and needed him.

We will all dearly miss you
"Dougie"



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In Loving Memory of
J. Michael Fay

J. Michael Fay was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec 18, 1945 and died in Minden, Ontario on June 7, 2020



He was a loved and loving husband, father, brother and son. He will be forever missed by his family: his life partner, Fay Martin, daughter Krissa Fay, step-daughters Heather McLeod (Arno Kalbus) and Kirstie McLeod (Scott Martin); grandchildren Michael P., Bec, Ria, Ben, Maura-Jane, Sam, David, Katie and siblings Kathy, Peggy and John. He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Mary-Grace, siblings Mary Anne, Patty and Tim and grand-daughter Ella.

Michael was a force for change, a tireless cheerleader for causes and individuals, a gifted organizer and communicator, committed to social justice through-out his life. Before he left the USA for Toronto in 1970 he was a Volunteer for America in Chicago and dedicated advocate for civil rights, including working on Robert Kennedy's 1968 campaign. He continued to organize and advocate for social justice in Toronto, spearheading several community organization initiatives and a key part of CommonAct.

In 1975, he moved to Alberta and became a freelance journalist and published author, studied at the Banff School for the Arts and Bread Loaf Writers Conference with W.O Mitchell, Alice Munroe and others. He founded the Alexandra Writers' Centre and edited the Dandelion. He was twice president of the Professional Writers Association of Canada, and as such negotiated creators' rights in Canada's initial agreement to reimburse writers for reproduction of their work (Access Copyright).

He became a health promotion worker with marginalized and immigrant populations in Toronto from 1982 to retirement in 2002 – some of his key accomplishments of this time include the Speak Out! And Count me In! initiatives and the documentary Salud.

In retirement he moved to Minden where he gave leadership for better library services, the Arts Council, Minden Cultural Centre Foundation, and became a playwright. He founded Conjurers of County Town which produced several original plays, his and others, based on local history and performed outdoors. In later years, he returned to writing short-form fiction, a collection of which: Tenderness and other Stories, was recently published. And Michael continued daily efforts to inspire and engage until his very last days through his FaceBook posts.

The world is a better place because of J. Michael Fay. He touched so many. The family would welcome written letters and cards from those with memories and stories of Michael to share, in lieu of flowers. Those stories are the best tangible tribute and comfort we could receive. Please mail to Fay Martin, 1166 Horseshoe Lake Road, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

Memorial Donations to Places for People would also be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

Cremation has taken place.
A celebration of life will be announced later.



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Gerane "Geri" Bonyun - Tyers (nee Richer)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Tuesday evening, June 9, 2020 in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Tyers and the late Joseph Bonyun. Loving mother of Keane, Mary Anne (James Crocker) and Dray (Debbie). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Melody (Richard Clugston), Shawn (Anne) and Emily, Joel and Daniel and by her great grandchildren, Jack, Morgan and Ashton. Dear sister of Francine (Stewart Hutchings). Lovingly remembered by her nephew Bradley and her niece Lexanne.

Visitation & Private Funeral Service

The family invited friends on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 for a scheduled visitation by appointment only. Due to circumstances surrounding Covid-19, visitors contacted Haliburton Community Funeral Home to schedule a time to visit to offer their condolences to the family. A Private Family Funeral Service was held. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or The Gideons International In Canada would be appreciated by the family.

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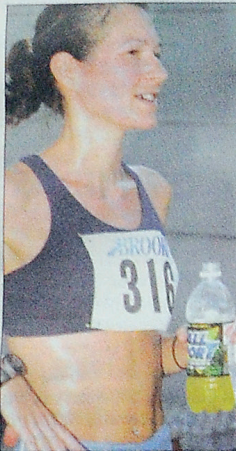
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Heineken Yard

Jackie Sandos was the fastest woman to cross the finish line in Friday's race.

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A love of nature in watercolours

Bill Creighton's exhibit opens this week at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

See page 17

In Quotes

"The next time a jetski passes your cottage at a high rate of speed remember that the police are too busy chasing paddle boats to bother with it."

— Edith Dalton, page 8.



Kenneth Jackson/TIMES

Summer ride

Sean Anderson, 6, of Barrie enjoys a ride on the Winger at Wednesday's Rotary Carnival at the community centre. The midway was a hit with the kids and the parents loved the glorious weather. For more photos, please see page 12.

Deer in the headlights: Do you brake or do you swerve?

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

You're driving along the highway in the evening as the sun is setting, travelling at the speed limit when a deer bounds out onto the road in front of you. What do you do? Although there is often very little time to analyze the situation and react, that split-second decision can be an important one. The consensus is apply the brakes, stay in your lane and hope for the best.

When a collision with a deer is imminent, the right choice can be a life saver.

"There are several viewpoints," said Insurance Adjuster Brent Clarkson of Haliburton County Adjusting Service. "From a driver's viewpoint, it's generally better to brake and hit the deer than to swerve in an attempt to miss it."

When investigating claims, Clarkson said some insurance companies will look for signs of an impact with a deer and if there are none, they question the presence of a deer and look for a different cause. "A dead deer at the scene eliminates that question," he

said candidly.

He noted that swerving to miss a deer often results in loss of control and a vehicle rollover.

Clarkson pointed out that when a claim is filed, if a deer is hit, it is a comprehensive claim as opposed to a collision claim if an animal is not involved.

"A dead deer at the scene eliminates the question [of the cause of the accident]"

BRENT CLARKSON

"With the increasing bear numbers, there are more bears being hit by cars," Clarkson said, "and that's a different scenario."

He noted that bears are a lot more solid than a deer and there is a higher potential for damage or injury. The same applies to moose, which are more likely to come in contact with a windshield during a collision.

Don't count on a moose's eyes giving it away in the headlights after dark. "A moose's eyes don't reflect the light like other animals," he said.

Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Gerry Moraal, of the Minden office, said moose eyes do reflect light, but compared to a deer, they are not as

see MOOSE page 2

Lake quality comes first, planners are told

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Huddled in somewhat intense round table discussions, at least 60 ratepayers were at the Minden Community Centre July 27 to start talking about Minden Hills' official plan.

"This is part of my responsibility of being a citizen of the community," said Max Radcliff, who attended the morning workshop to toss some ideas around, and get issues such as shoreline protection, out in the open.

"We are here to start taking about things and to tell [council] where we would like to township to go into the future," he said.

Echoing Radcliff's determination to make a difference in the community, many other participants said they attended the meeting because they were interested in the community, and wanted to preserve the area.

"We want to direct change," said Ed Brinsmead. "This type of a meeting is open for people to express their opinions instead of just the council telling us it was going to be a certain way."

Paul Heaven said that if he didn't attend the meetings that dealt with community matters, "then I would have a hard time complaining about things later on."

The meeting was organized by Planscape, the consulting company hired by Minden Hills to prepare the document that outlines how the township wants to grow. The official plan usually places an emphasis on land use plan-

see LAKE page 2

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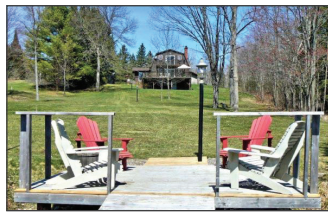
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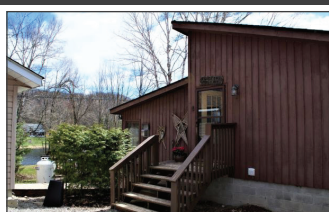
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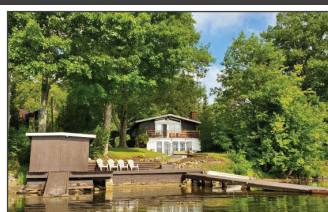
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